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20. ABSTRACT (Continue on reverse side if necessary and identify by block number)

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#### **PREFACE**

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C., 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

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It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

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New York

County Located:

Dutchess

Stream:

Wappingers Creek

Basin:

Hudson River

Date of Inspection:

June 12, 1980

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1. OVERVIEW OF DAM.

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SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

#### 1.1 GENERAL

a. Authority
The Phase I inspection reported herein was authorized by the State of New York, Department of Environmental Conservation by letter dated 7 January 1980, in fulfillment of the requirements of the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, 8 August 1972.

b. Purpose of Inspection
This inspection was conducted to evaluate the existing conditions of the dam, to identify deficiencies and hazardous conditions, to determine if these deficiencies constitute hazards to life and property and to recommend remedial measures where required.

#### 1.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

a. Description of the Dam and Appurtenant Structures
The Wappingers Falls Dam is a water level control
structure composed of a 171 foot long masonry and concrete
gravity overflow structure with a maximum height of about 20
feet. A concrete topped masonry spillway section 3 feet higher
and about 30 feet long adjoins the east side of the dam. There
are two reservoir outlets about four feet square, which feed a
sluiceway leading to a 9 foot diameter riveted steel penstock.
The reservoir outlets are controlled by metal-clad wood rack
and pinion manually operated slide gates. The top of the dam
is equipped with piers to support flashboards; although no
flashboards were in place.

Along both abutments there are concreted masonry wing walls. The left wall extends several hundred feet upstream, whereas the right wall is about 20 feet long.

The main overflow dam section was constructed in several stages and is for the most part masonry. It is capped by concrete on both the older and newer masonry sections. It is backfilled on its upstream side with silt, sand and rock.

b. Location

Wappingers Falls Dam is located on Wappingers
Creek within the Village of Wappingers Falls. It is about
750 feet east of W. Main Street (Rt. 9D) and about 1½ miles
southwest of The New York and Albany Post Road (Rt. 9). The dam
is in a residential area of the Village of Wappingers Falls
directly upstream of the main village center.

- c. Size Classification
  The dam is 20 feet high and has a reservoir with
  a storage capacity of 123 acre-feet and therefore is classified
  as a small dam.
- d. Hazard Classification
  The dam is in the "high" hazard potential category because of the close proximity of the dam to residences and its location within the Village of Wappingers Falls.
- e. Ownership
  Wappingers Falls Dam is owned by the Village of
  Wappingers Falls, Spring St., Wappingers Falls, N.Y., 12590,
  Tel. No. (914) 297-8773. The person to contact is Mr. Leo
  Lowney Village Clerk.
- f. Purpose of Dam
  The dam was originally constructed to supply water
  by means of a sluiceway to a power generator for industrial
  use. The reservoir is currently not being utilized except
  for minor recreational purposes. Future usage of the water
  for power generation has been given under contract to ElectroEcology of Convent Station, N.J.
- g. Design and Construction History
  The dam was built in 1872, redesigned and reconstructed in 1910 and with the current section completed in 1919.
  There are no design or construction drawings of the original construction, or of the second stage design and construction.
  There is however an as-built drawing showing plan, elevation and a typical section which exists following the work carried out in 1919. This is included in Appendix A.
- h. Normal Operating Procedure
  There is no normal operating procedure for the dam.
  Water flows over the main section of the dam for most of the year, varying only with seasonal inflows. The gates that feed the sluiceway are not operable.

#### 1.3 PERTINENT DATA

- a. Drainage Area (sq. mi.) 199
- b. Discharge at Damsite (cfs)
  Ungated Spillways at Maximum Pool 5050

Elevation (Feet above MSL -USGS Datum) Top of West Abutment End Wall 84.3 Top of Overflow - Dam 80 Top of Spillway "Step" 83 Invert Reservoir Outlets 70 Reservoir Length of Normal Pool (feet) Not computed Surface Area of Maximum Pool, 109.8 Surface Area of Normal Pool, 101 acres Storage Reservoir (acre-feet) 655 f. Dam Туре Masonry-concrete gravity overflow 216 Length (feet) Crest Elevation (MSL) 80 feet Crest Width feet Grout Curtain None known Spillway g. Type Two broad crested overflow sections Length (feet) 1 @ 171 1 @ 32 Crest Elevations 1 @ 80 1 @ 83 Upstream Channel None Downstream Channel Full width of

h. Reservoir Outlets

Upstream - Two 4 foot square outlets controlled by wood rack and pinion slide gates, which feed a sluiceway pass through a structure located to the east of the overflow section of the dam. It is not possible to ascertain exact invert levels of the outlets, but they are approximated to be at El 70.

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Downstream - The outlets for the reservoir discharge into a sluiceway which leads to a riveted steel penstock about 300 feet downstream of the dam.

#### SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

#### 2.1 GEOLOGY

The records of the owner contain no data on site geology. However, there is data available in the literature dealing with the general geology of the dam and reservoir. The dam is located in the Hudson Lowlands physiographic province of New York State. These lowland areas have gentle relief and are underlain by Ordovician shales that have been exposed by the erosion of overlying Silurian and Devonian limestones. Bedrock in the Wappingers Falls dam area is of the Normanskill formation of the Taconic Area Trenton Group. The rock members in the Normanskill include graywacke, black and gray shales, chert, and red and green slate. Outcrops at the damsite confirm the existence of these types of rock in the area.

#### 2.2 SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

No subsurface investigation could be located for the dam. However, the General Soils Map of New York State, prepared by the Cornell University Experiment Station (1968) indicates that surficial soils in the vicinity of the dam are of the Troy-Cossayuna Association. These soils, developed from a thick layer of till derived from slate bedrock, are dominantly deep and moderately to well drained. Soil types are medium textured, non-stony to stony, and found on 3 to 5 percent convex slopes on the tops and sides of hills.

#### 2.3 DAM AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

There are virtually no records or drawings available with regard to the original construction of the dam (1872) or the first reconstruction in 1910. There is an as-built drawing of the dam which includes a plan, elevation and typical section of the dam. No drawings could be located of repairs done to the left abutment in 1973 (See Appendix A).

#### 2.4 CONSTRUCTION RECORDS

No information has been located in relation to the construction of the project. The name(s) of the contractor(s) is (are) unknown.

#### 2.5 OPERATION RECORDS

In recent years, there has been no regular operation of the dam and no records are kept of the reservoir operation. The dam is checked occasionally by the Village Superintendent of Highways, but no regular maintenance is carried out and

no systematic monitoring of the performance of the dam is in effect. The dam is cleared of dead trees and other debris on an as-needed basis.

## 2.6 EVALUATION OF DATA

The data available, along with site inspection and personal interviews, is sufficient to perform a Phase I

#### SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

#### 3.1 FINDINGS

a. General

The visual inspection of Wappingers Falls Dam was made on June 12, 1980. The weather was fair and the temperature was 65-70°F. Water flow over the main section of the dam was about 0.5 feet deep. As a result, close-up inspection of the downstream face of the dam was not possible.

b. Main Dam

The main dam shows no signs of major distress or structural problems. The vertical and horizontal alignment of the crest appears to be unchanged. There are severe cracks and gaps in the masonry and masonry joints on the downstream face of the dam. The following adverse conditions were also noted:

- 1. There is a large quantity of observable seepage through joints in the downstream face of the dam and spillway.
- 2. The end wall on the right abutment is in very poor condition.
- 3. An approximately 40 foot long section of the wing wall upstream of the outlets on the left abutment has fallen away with erosion of ground behind the wall.
- 4. There is a large amount of vegetation growing on or near the structures.

c. Spillway and Tailrace

The masonry on the downstream face of the spill-way is in poor condition. Mortar is missing from joints and seepage of 3 to 5 gpm is present on the lower sections. Drains which were installed during improvements in 1973 are operating properly but do not appear to be sufficient. The top surface of the spillway is in good condition. The downstream tailrace of the spillway is in good condition and, for the most part, free of debris.

d. Reservoir Outlets

The regulating gates for the two 4 foot square outlets are not in operating condition due to broken or missing racks on the rack and pinion controls. The sluiceway which leads from these outlets to a 9 foot penstock is in very poor condition with the right wall having failed several hundred feet downstream of the dam. It is reported that this section of the sluiceway was an overflow section.

e. Reservoir Area
There are neither slides, rockfalls, sloughing or

were no objectionable amounts of floating debris in the reservoir at the time of the inspection. It is reported however that following several periods of heavy storms, the dam requires clearing away of debris brought downstream.

#### 3.2 EVALUATION OF OBSERVATIONS

Although deficiencies were observed, there is no indication that the dam is in imminent danger. A number of the deficiencies observed in the previous paragraphs are minor and should be corrected by the owner's maintenance forces. Other conditions described above, however, represent conditions which may have potential for further deterioration and for this reason these conditions need to be further investigated or corrected.

Significant conditions were observed which require immediate investigation to determine the extent of corrective action necessary to insure the stability of the dam and appurtenances. The following is a summary of the problem areas encountered with the appropriate recommended action:

- 1. There are currently no reservoir outlets due to closed, inoperable gates. These gates should be repaired.
- 2. The land area to the left of the reservoir is not protected due to the broken wing wall. This wall should be repaired and the area backfilled.
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#### SECTION 4 - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

#### 4.1 PROCEDURES

There are no operating procedures for the Wappingers Falls Dam. Water flows almost continuously over the 171 foot length of the main dam. The reservoir outlets are not opened and at present are both inoperable.

#### 4.2 MAINTENANCE OF THE DAM

There is no regular maintenance schedule of the dam. The dam is checked occasionally and when complaints are registered by the Village Superintendent of Highways. Repairs have been carried out in the past when serious inadequacies were determined (left abutment, 1973); however, the dam, wing walls, and its operating mechanisms and outlets are in very poor condition. General maintenance is only performed on an absolutely "as-needed" basis.

#### 4.3 WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

There are no warning systems in effect or in preparation.

#### 4.4 EVALUATION

The overall maintenance of Wappingers Falls Dam is considered to be inadequate in the following areas:

- a. Controls and gates for reservoir outlets do not operate.
- b. Wing walls on both the left and right abutments are broken and missing.
- c. There is seepage and missing stones in the masonry on the downstream face of the dam and left abutment wall.
  - d. The walls of the sluiceway are crumbled and missing.
- e. No formal operation and maintenance manual exists for the project.
  - f. Vegetation was noted on dam and appurtenances.

#### SECTION 5 - HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC

#### 5.1 DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS

Wappingers Falls Dam is located on Wappingers Creek approximately one mile above its junction with the Hudson River at Wappingers Falls, Dutchess County, New York, Hydrologic Unit Code 02020008. The Wappingers Creek basin, upstream of the dam, is approximately 199 square miles, about 30 miles long with a maximum width of 12 miles. The two major tributaries within the basin are Little Wappingers Creek and E. Branch Wappingers Creek. Relief in the basin rises from a water level, El 80, to ridges above El 500.

#### 5.2 ANALYSIS CRITERIA

The analysis of the spillway capacity of Wappingers Falls Dam was performed using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers HEC-1 computer program (Ref. 1). A Standard Project Flood (SPF) hydrograph (Ref. 2) developed for the Wappingers Creek basin, with a peak of 42,800 cfs, was input directly into the program, which then flood routed this hydrograph using the "Modified Puls" method over the spillway. In accordance with recommended guidelines of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Ref. 4), the analysis was also performed with the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) which was assumed to be twice the SPF.

#### 5.3 SPILLWAY CAPACITY

The total crest length of Wappingers Falls Dam spill-ways is comprised of the total length of the main dam, plus a 30 foot spillway section. The computed discharge with the water level at El 84.3, top of the lower west abutment wall (4.3 feet above main dam crest and 1.3 feet above the second spillway crest) is 5050 cfs.

#### 5.4 RESERVOIR CAPACITY

The normal capacity of the reservoir, as reported in the COE Dam Inventory was 123 acre-feet. The surcharge storage computed between 80 feet MSL (crest/top of dam elevation) and 85 feet MSL (approximate height of west abutment wing wall) is 532 acre-feet, which is equivalent to 0.05 inches of runoff over the entire basin. The total capacity is therefore 655 acre-feet.

#### 5.5 FLOODS OF RECORD

The maximum flood discharge as measured by the USGS gaging station 01372500 was 18,600 cfs in August 1955 (103 CSM) (Ref. 3). The gage is located 4.5 miles NE of the Village of Wappingers Falls, and upstream of the dam.

#### 5.6 OVERTOPPING POTENTIAL

The HEC-1 DB analysis indicates that the depth of water over the dam is as follows:

PMF 23.7 feet over west abutment end wall

1/2 PMF (SPF) 12.1 feet over west abutment end wall

Because the dam is basically a water level control structure, there is essentially no surcharge storage and inflow approximately equals outflow. The peak outflow for 1/2 PMF is 43,012 cfs and for the PMF is 85,912 cfs.

#### 5.7 EVALUATION

The dam is basically a water level control structure and has no capacity to mitigate flood flows. The dam does not have sufficient spillway capacity to pass either the PMF or one-half the PMF without overtopping the dam and appurtenant structures. The overtopping could cause the failure of the dam thus significantly increasing the hazard to the loss of life downstream. Therefore, the spillway is assessed as being seriously inadequate.

#### SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### 6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

a. Visual Observations
Visual observations did not indicate existing problems with the structure of the dam. The observed seepage through the downstream face and the missing mortar and stones is not considered to represent a current unstable or otherwise dangerous condition. Continued deterioration of this condition however could result in instability and dangerous conditions.

b. Design and Construction Data
There exists no design computations or other data
regarding the structural stability of the dam and the spillway. There is one drawing showing the "as-built" plan, elevation and a typical section. Some dam features - the left
abutment wall in particular, have been modified relative to
this drawing. These modifications, however, do not effect
the stability analysis.

c. Stability Analysis
The structural stability of what was determined from the drawings to be the maximum typical section, was analyzed. The following table shows the loading cases considered and the results of the analysis. The detailed computations are included as Appendix E.

Loading Case	Overturning	Sliding Factor of Safety (See Appendix E)
I) Normal loading condition with reservoir level at spill- way crest, no ice load	0.7 ft outside middle 1/3	2.14
II) Normal loading condition with reservoir at spillway crest, with ice load	3.5 ft outside middle 1/3	1.63
<pre>III) Unusual loading; one- half PMF water overtopping dam by 12.1 feet</pre>	7.6 ft outside middle 1/2	0.75
<pre>IV) Extreme loading: PMF water overtopping the dam by 24.3 feet</pre>	28.4 ft outside middle 1/2	0.29
V) Unusual loading: earth- quake reservoir level at spill- way crest, 0.05 g earthquake force	0.2 ft - outside middle 1/2	1.78

On the basis of the structural stability analysis performed during the investigation, the structural stability of the dam against overturning was determined to be inadequate for all cases. The stability of the dam against sliding was determined to be adequate for all cases except unusual loading 1/2 PMF and extreme loading: Full PMF.

Since exact geometry, foundation conditions upstream, backfill characteristics and extent, as well as the extent and magnitude of the uplift pressure are unknown, it is recommended that a more detailed structural stability analysis be performed. Field investigations should be done to obtain more information regarding the extent and characteristics of the backfill and foundation materials, as well as the quality and condition of the observable masonry of the structure. Based on the results of the analysis, modifications to the dam should be recommended as required.

d. Operating Records
There are no records of the regulating gates operation. The gates are currently inoperable and in a closed position, making draining of the reservoir in an emergency impossible.

e. Post-Construction Changes
The Wappingers Falls Dam was constructed in three separate stages. The first construction was in 1872, the second in 1910 and the third, which resulted in the present configuration, was completed in 1919. Only one change has been made in the structure since completion of the third stage construction. This was to the left abutment wall and resulted in an increased stability to that area of the dam. Due to a heavy seepage condition, the area was covered with concrete, end walls built and drains installed. The concrete installed is in good condition and the drains appear to be functioning.

f. Seismic Stability
The dam is located in Zone 2 therefore a stability analysis was carried out using a normal reservoir loading (water level at spillway crest) and 0.05 g earthquake factor with Zanger's method. The resulting analysis showed the dam to be safe against sliding but inadequate against overturning.

#### SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 7.1 ASSESSMENT

a. Safety

Examination of the available documents and a visual inspection of the dam and the appurtenant structures did not reveal conditions which constitute an immediate hazard to human life or property. However, the dam has some deficiencies which require further investigation and remedial action.

Using the Corps of Engineers screening criteria for review of spillway adequacy, it has been determined that the dam would be overtopped for all storms exceeding approximately 5.9 percent of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The overtopping of the dam could result in a failure of the dam thus increasing the hazard to loss of life downstream. The spillway is, therefore, adjudged as "seriously inadequate" and the dam is assessed as unsafe, non-emergency.

The classification of "unsafe" applied to a dam because of a "seriously inadequate" spillway is not meant to connote the same degree of emergency as would be associated with an "unsafe" classification applied for a structural deficiency. It does mean, however, that based on an initial screening and preliminary computations, there appears to be a serious deficiency in spillway capacity so that if a severe storm were to occur, overtopping and failure of the dam would take place, significantly increasing the hazard to loss of life downstream from the dam.

The structural stability analyses based on available information and visual inspection indicates that the stability against sliding for the dam is adequate for all cases except one-half PMF and full PMF whereas the stability against overturning is inadequate for all cases.

- b. Adequacy of Information The information and data available were adequate for performance of this investigation.
- c. Need for Additional Investigations
  A detailed investigation of the structural stability
  of the dam is required. This should include field investigations
  to determine the exact geometry and characteristics of the
  backfil.

The additional hydrologic/hydraulic investigations and the structural stability investigations which are required must be initiated within 3 months from the date of notification. Within 12 months of notification, remedial measures as a result of these investigations must be initiated, with completion of these measures during the following year. In the interim, develop an emergency action plan for the notification of downstream residents and proper around-the-clock surveillance of the dam during periods of extreme runoff. The other problem areas listed below must be corrected within one year from notification.

#### 7.2 RECOMMENDED MEASURES

- 1. The operating mechanisms for the reservoir outlets should be repaired.
- 2. The wing walls on the left and right abutments should be repaired and the areas behind them backfilled.
- 3. The widespread missing masonry blocks and joints lacking mortar in the downstream face of the dam should be repaired.
- 4. The seepage through the downstream face of the dam and spillway should be controlled and monitored at biweekly intervals with the aid of collectors and weirs so that any increase in or change in characteristics of the flow may be noted.
- 5. The overflow section of the sluiceway should be repaired.
- 6. Remove vegetation on and around the structures and provide a program of periodic cutting.
- 7. After repair of the outlets, the reservoir should be lowered and the D.E.C. should be notified to allow for the inspection of the downstream face of the structures.
- 8. Provide a program of periodic inspection and maintenance of the dam and appurtenances including yearly operation and lubrication of the reservoir outlet system. Document this information for future reference. The emergency action plan described in Section 7.1d should be maintained and updated periodically during the life of the structure.

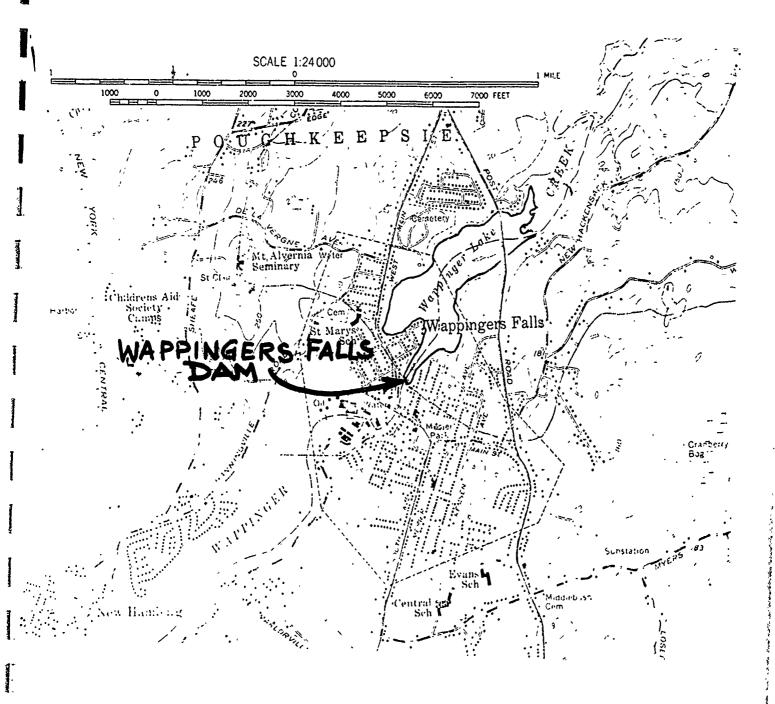
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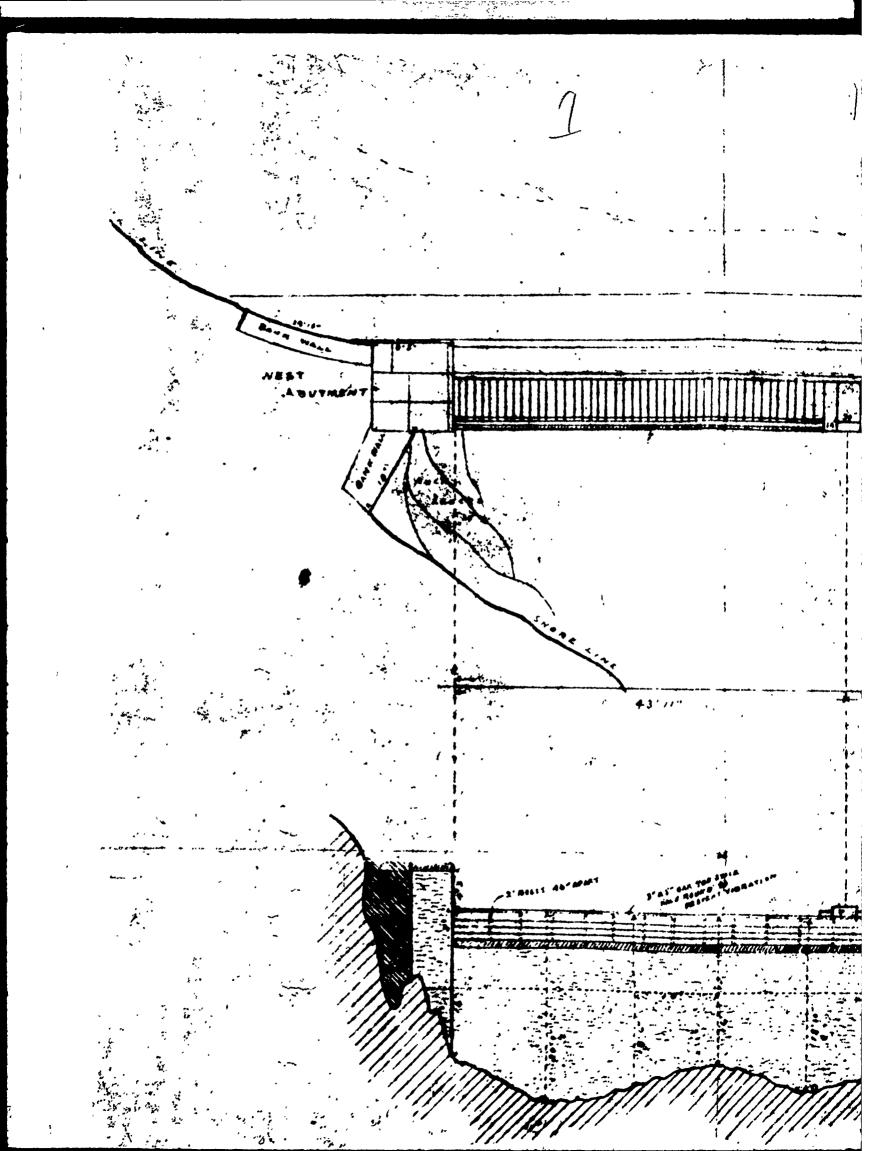


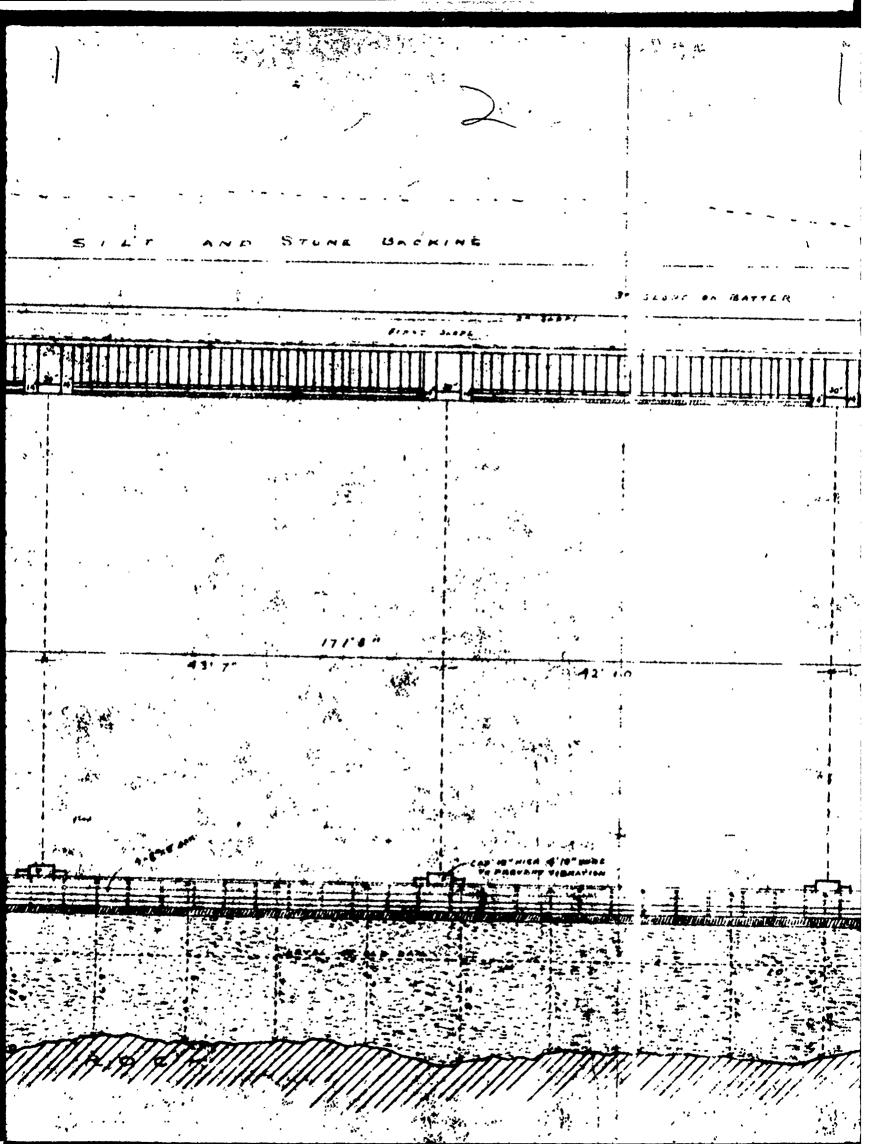
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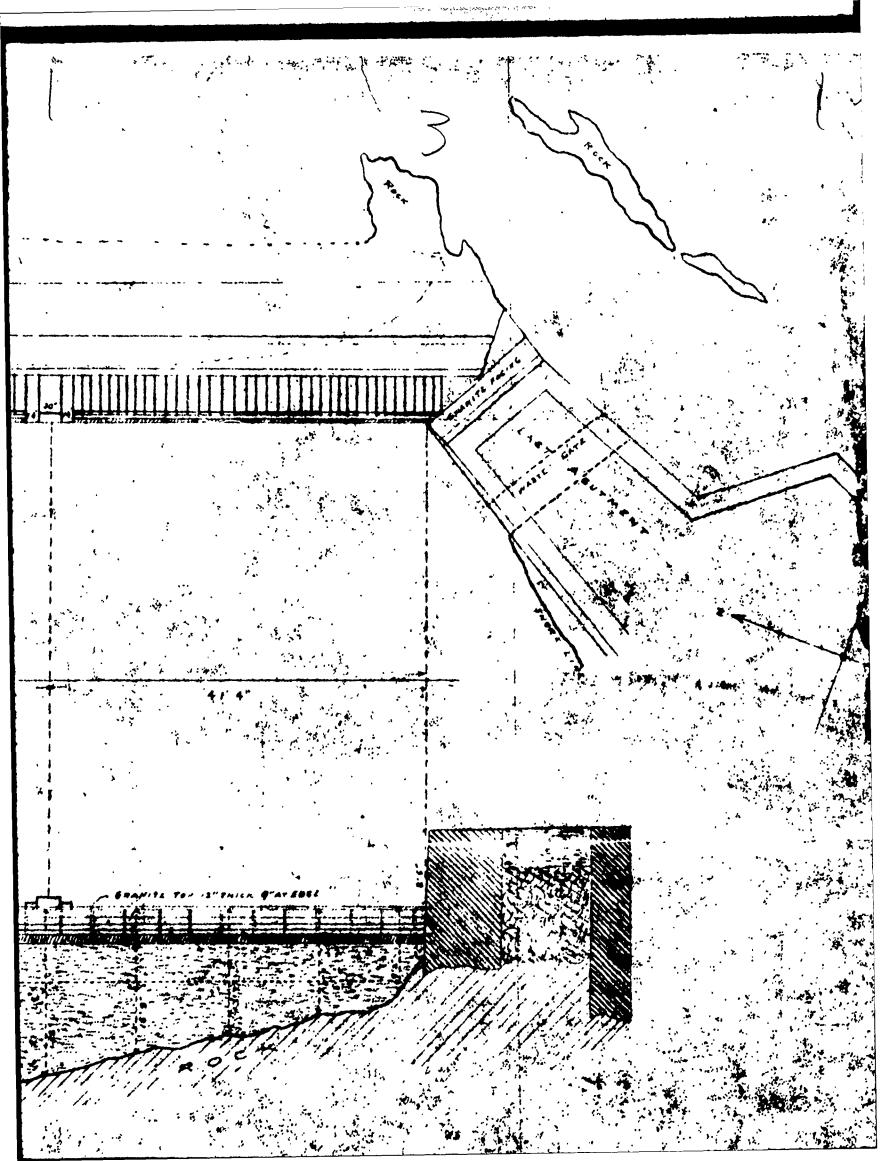
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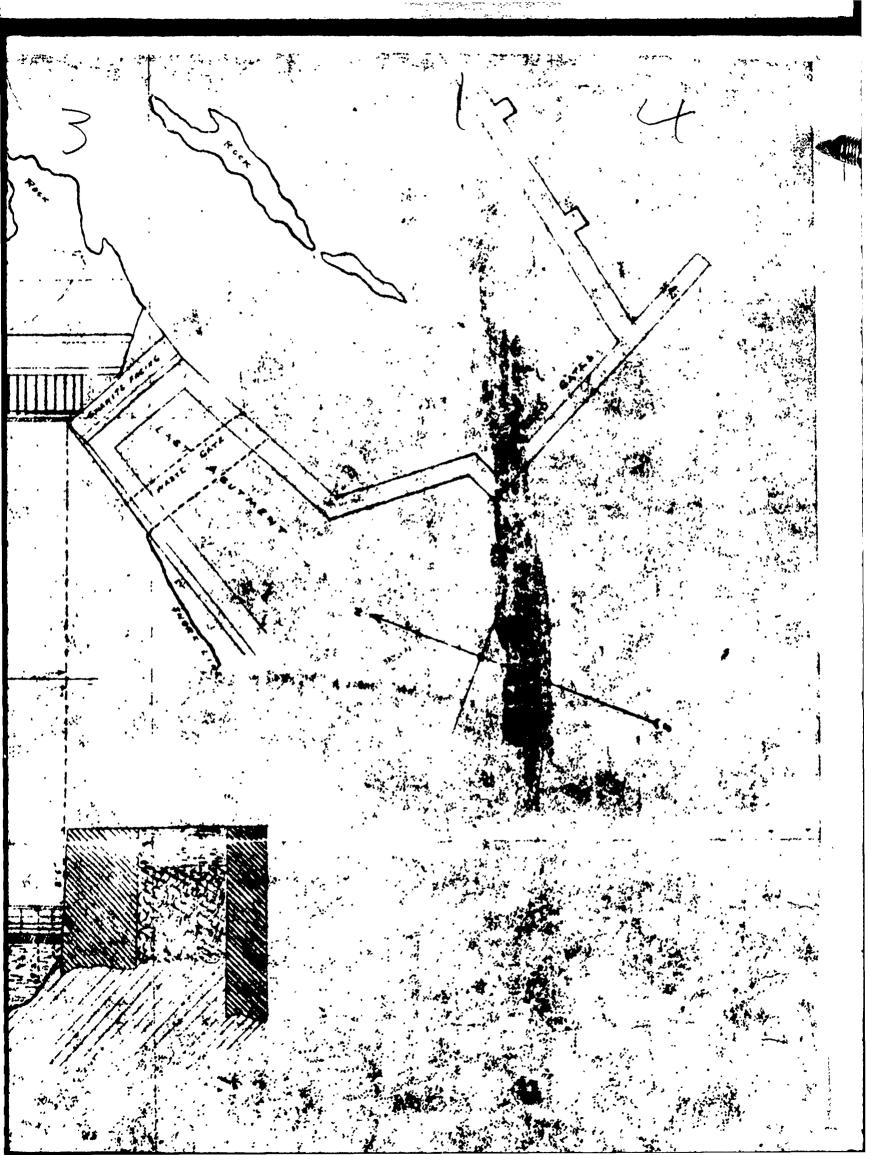


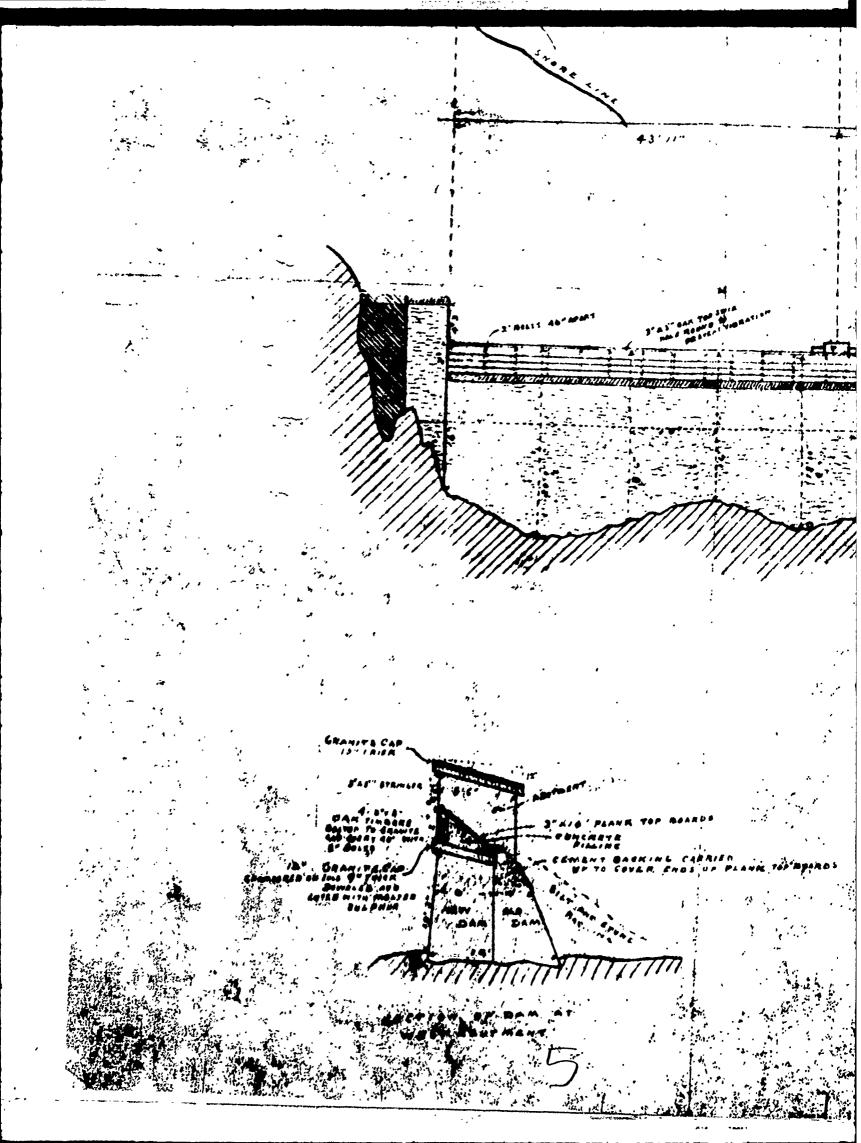
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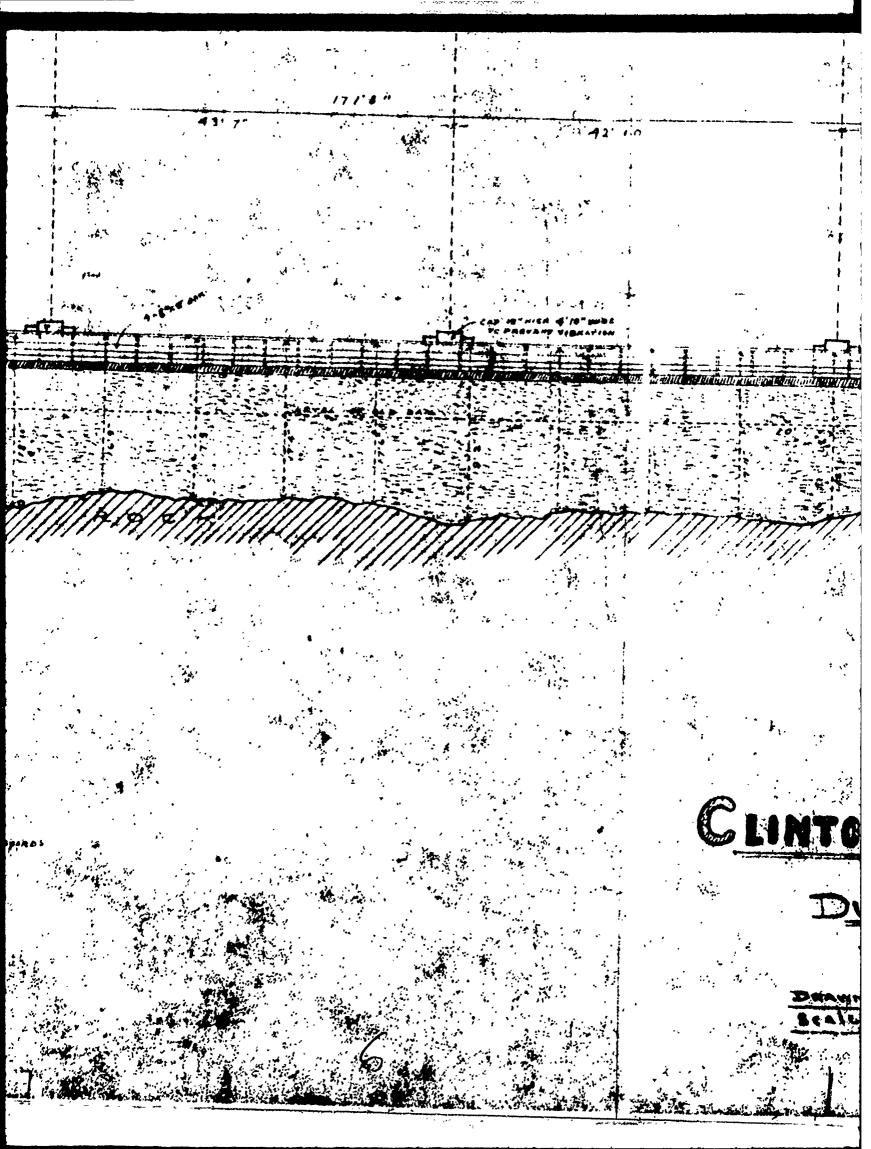


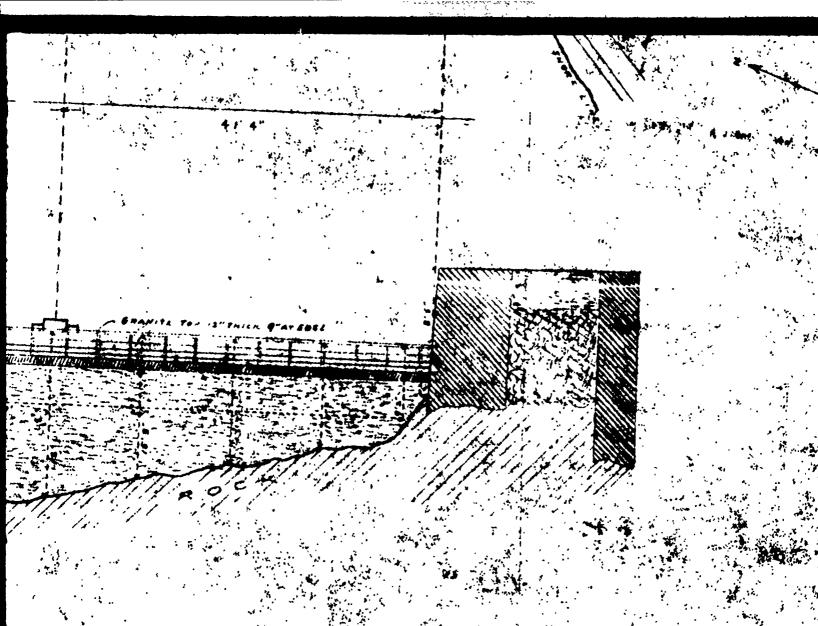




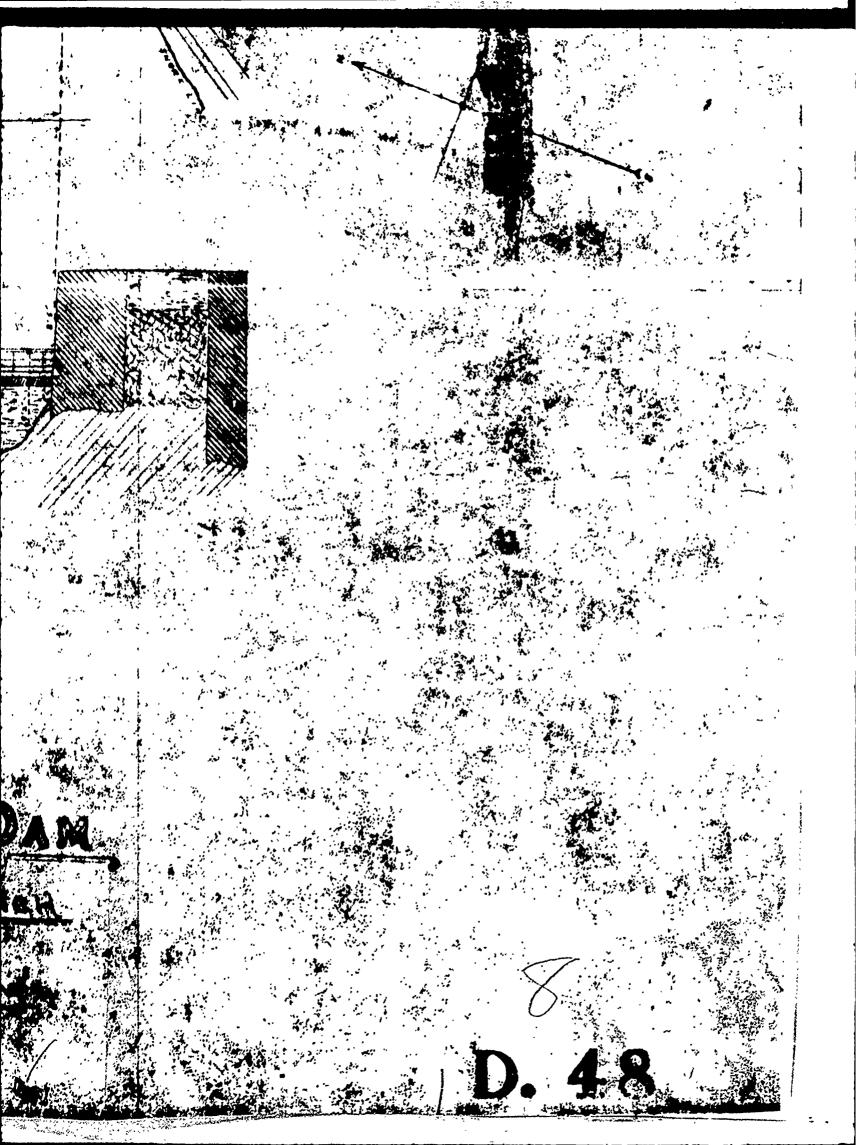








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**PHOTOGRAPHS** 



2. VIEW OF UPSTREAM SIDE AND ALONG CREST OF DAM LOOKING NORTH.



3. UPSTREAM VIEW OF SLUICEWAY OUTLET GATE STRUCTURE.

4. CLOSE UP VIEW OF UPSTREAM SLUICE-WAY OUTLET GATE CONTROL STRUC-TURE. NOTE: MISSING AND BROKEN "RACKS".





5. VIEW OF LEFT ABUTMENT NEAR SLUICEWAY OUTLET GATE STRUCTURE. NOTE: MISSING AND BROKEN WINGWALL.

6. DOWNSTREAM VIEW OF SLUICEWAY GATE CONTROL STRUCTURE.



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7. VIEW OF OUTLETS INTO SLUICEWAY, LOOKING UPSTREAM. NOTE: FLOW THROUGH JAMMED, CLOSED GATE.

8. VIEW LOOKING DOWNSTREAM INTO SLUICEWAY. NOTE: PROKEN
WALL ON RIGHT SIDE
OF SPILLWAY.





9. VIEW OF STREAM BELOW DAM LOOKING UPSTREAM TOWARDS THE DAM.

VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

APPENDIX C

#### VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

	Bas	ic Data
1	a.	General
.j	•	Name of Dam Worpman Falls
Acceptable		Fed. I.D. # N9 A DEC Dam No. 6/3 A
1		River Basin Hudson
1		Location: Town Wagings Falls County Datches
	•	Stream Name Wopmiss Crask.
3		Tributary of Hudson River
-		Latitude (N) 4/36'N Longitude (W) 73°55
1		Type of Dam Majorin Gravity - Concrete Capad
1		Hazard Category High
		Date(s) of Inspection <u>Tune 12 1980</u> .
1		Weather Conditions Fair 70°
		Reservoir Level at Time of Inspection 6.5 feet flowing over spillway
1	<b>b.</b>	Inspection Personnel <u>HFeldman</u>
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	c.	Persons Contacted (Including Address & Phone No.)
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-		Supt - Village of Wapsinger Falls, Spring St. Waysmire Falls N. 9
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	d.	History:
		Date Constructed 1872 Date(s) Reconstructed 1910
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	-	Designer Not Known
1		Constructed By Not Known
1		owner Village of Wyppingers Falls.
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	(3)	Impervious Core
	(tt)	Internal Drainage System
	(5)	Miscellaneous
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	(1)	Vertical Alignment
	(2)	Horizontal Alignment
	(3)	Surface Cracks
	(4)	Miscellaneous
c.	Upst	ream Slope
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•	(2)	Undesirable Growth or Debris, Animal Burrows
	(3)	Sloughing, Subsidence or Depressions

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(3)	Sloughing, Subsidence or Depressions		
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(Š)	Seepage		
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(7)	Condition Around Outlet Structure		
(8)	Seepage Beyond Toc		
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		(2)	Seepage Along Contact
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	b.	Cond	ition of System Operating.
	c.	Disc	harge from Drainage System Varies 19pm to 59pm.
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HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS CALCULATIONS APPENDIX D

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TABLE 8 WAPPINGER CREEK (Cont'd)

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45	34	118	10860
48	30	121	9426
51	26	124	8182
54	22	127	7101
57	19	130	6164
60	95	133	5350
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FROM: LOWER HUBSON RIVER BASIN HYDROLOGIC FLOOD ROUTING MUSICLE WATER RESOURCES ENG. INC. Jan. 1917

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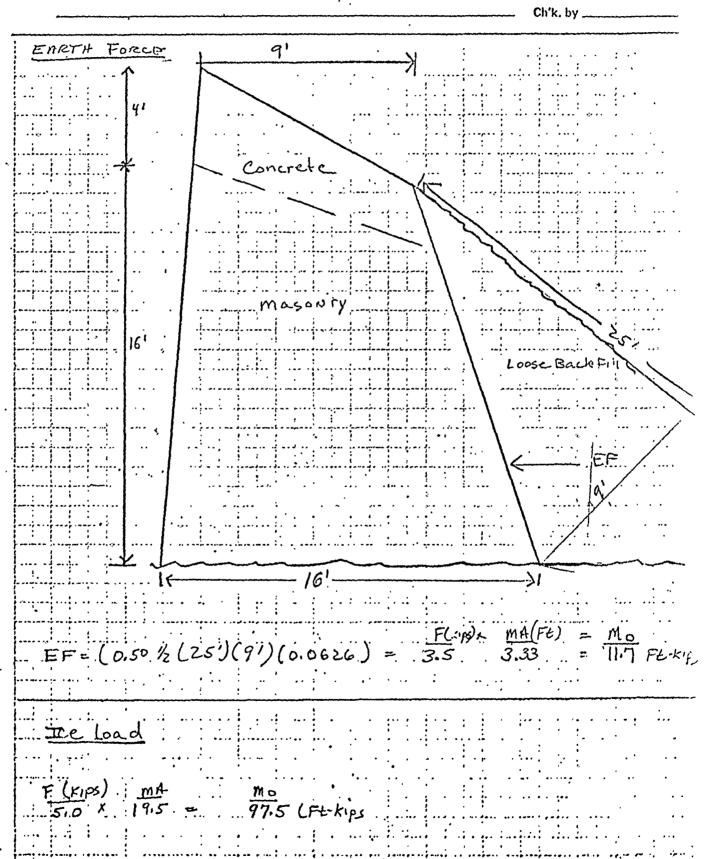
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APPENDIX G

Village of Wafifringers Dalls

MESIER HOMESTEAD, DUTCHESS COUNTY, WAPPINGERS FALLS, N.Y. 12590

OFFICE OF VILLAGE CLEPK

April 25, 1980

Re: National Pam Inspection Program
Inspection of Wappingers Falls Dam

Tams
The Tank Building
655 Third Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

Attn. J. Patel:

In reference to the above, I am encloseing a copy of a map showing the construction of the dam along with a report from the water Pesources commission. This is the only information I can forward you regarding your engineering data questionerre. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Leo D. Lowney Village Clerk

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October 22, 1969

Honorable Peter Furnari Mayor, Village of Wappingers Falls Meiser Homestead Wappingers Falls, New York

Dear Mayor Furnari:

Re: Dam # 613A
Village of Wappingers Falls
Dutchess County

On October 9, 1969 we wrote to Mr. David C. Schoentag, Dutchess County Executive, to inform him of the recent inspection of five dams in Dutchess County, including the above dam located across Wappingers Creek in the Village of Wappingers Falls. A copy of this letter was forwarded to you for information.

At that time, we were unaware that the Village of Wappingers Falls was the owner of the structure referred to in that letter as Item ". 4, Wappingers Falls Dam.

The dam is located across Wappingers Creek approximately 500 feet upstream of the New York State Highway No. 9D Bridge in the Village of Wappingers Falls, and was constructed in or about the year 1872. The area draining into the impoundment is approximately 194 square miles. The main body of the dam consists of a stone masonry overflow structure across the entire width of the Creek with masonry gravity retaining walls located on both sides of the overflow section. The original masonry overflow structure had a base width of 14 feet with an overall height of 12 feet. Since the original construction, the height of the dam has been raised and flashboards added.

On the day of inspection, a considerable amount of water was flowing over the spillway section which precluded a close inspection of the downstream face of the dam. A large amount of floating debris was lodged on the top of the spillway section which decreased the efficiency of the spillway. The flashboards and pipe supports for the flashboards were bent and displaced indicating that the flashboard system has not been properly maintained and has probably been damaged in the past by large floating tree trunks passing over the spillway during heavy runoff periods.

October 22, 1969

Honorable Peter Furnari

Many jets of water were observed to be issuing from between the joints of the downstream face of the stone masonry overflow section. Due to water flowing over the top of the dam, it was not possible to observe the total amount of seepage from the downstream face or the actual location of the leakage.

The right side abutment looking upstream includes a sluice gate with a rising stem operating mechanism and flume to discharge water at the base of the dam. A large amount of water was observed flowing in the flume near the sluice gate. The sluice gate was probably in a partly opened position to allow for the flow of water through the flume.

The visible portions of the concrete retaining walls are apparently in poor condition. Due to the age of the structure and apparent lack of maintenance work during recent years, it appears that some repairs are required.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the Village Board of Trustees be appraised of the condition of the structure and the responsibilities of the Village in maintaining a safe structure for impounding water. It is recommended that the Village engage the services of a licensed Professional Engineer to thoroughly investigate the conditions of the dam, recommend repairs or reconstruction, as required, and prepare the necessary plans and specifications and application for permit for submission to the Water Resources Commission for approval.

Immediate action should be undertaken to investigate the condition of the operating mechanism of the sluice gate and put it in working order. The sluice gate should then be opened by gradual steps to release water so that the water level in the pond is lowered to a level at least two feet below the elevation of the top of the spillway. Village forces should then be alerted to operate the sluice gate as required to maintain the recommended lower pond level through the winter months.

When the lake level is lewered to eliminate water flowing over the spillway, it will then be possible to inspect the downstream face of the dam and its foundation: We would be glad to accompany your consulting engineer on the inspection.

Village forces should be instructed to periodically remove floating debris that becomes lodged in the spillway which would restrict the passage of water during peak flows and also cause damage to the Flashboard system. It is not recommended that any repairs be made at this time to the flashboards until after the re-inspection. Further investigation may indicate that the flashboards will have to be removed to facilitate repairs or reduce the hydrostatic pressure acting on the dam.

The Water Resources Commission is designated by statute with the responsibility of review of new and existing dams that come within the provisions of the Law. Permits are required for the construction, repair or reconstruction of dams in accordance with the enclosed copy of Rules and Regulations for issuance of permits. Under Section 429-e, the Commission has broad powers of enforcement of structural modifications that may be required to improve existing dams that are unsafe. Enclosed is an excerpt of that portion of the Law and also appropriate application forms for permit.

We would appreciate being informed of progress by the Village in lowering the water level for re-inspection of the dam. If you have any questions or further information on this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

T. P. CURRAN Central Permit Agent .

Encls.

cc: D. Schoentag

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Albany N Y 1220: Division of Resource Management Services

Bureau of Water Regulation

Henry C Diamond Commissioner

December 1, 1972

Honorable Peter C. Funari, Mayor Village of Wappingers Falls Wappingers Falls, New York 12590

Dear Mayor Funari:

Department of Transportation Registered Dam No. 613A Wappingers Lake

The above dam was brought to my attention. After reviewing the file, I made an inspection on November 27, 1972.

The following comments are based on my review and inspection:

- 1. The abutment section between the overflow and the wastebay is in serious condition. Comparison of photos taken in April and November reveal an enlargement of the eroded area.
- 2. You were advised in April to do something as a stopgap measure to prevent further deleterious effect of water to the abutment. This would have helped maintain the structural integrity of the abutment.
- 3. The water is presently pouring into the abutment between two large stone blocks. If this condition is allowed to continue the anchors for these stones will become loosened and eventually undermined.
- 4. A failure resulting from the above condition will probably wash out the abutment entirely and do extensive damage to the wastebay, sluice-gate area and penstock.
- 5. I do not feel that a serious hazard exists downstream because of the type of failure that may occur. The breach will be very slow at first and enlarge over a span of time. I do not believe that a sudden failure with a high energy wave will

occur. The channel of bedrock is well defined and containment of the water can be expected.

6. The penstock is in good shape and it looks as if it is being used. Is this being used to generate power? What is the Village's position relative to owning the penstock and any power-generating capacity?

In summary, the dam is the Village's problem. The danger downstream has been evaluated. Several recommendations have been suggested. The Village in turn must either act or accept the inevitable breach of the abutment.

Very truly yours,

Literal Si con Stanford Zeccolo

Senior Hydraulic Engineer

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cc: LeRoy Fein

F. R. Pagano



# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NEW YORK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 26 FEDERAL PLAZA NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

REPLY TO

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11 December 1972

Mr. James J. Lyons
Villige Attorney
Villige of Wappingers Falls
Louist out homestead
Lappingers Falls, New York 12590

Dear Mr. Lyons:

This is in reply to your letter of 6 October 1972 concerning the possibility of a bank erosion project in the Village of Wappingers Falls under authority of Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act.

.embers of my staff have conducted several field reconnaissances of the site being considered for bank protection. After a careful analysic of the situation concerning the collapsed and damaged portions of retaining wall, it is the considered opinion of my staff that this work could not be undertaken under the subject authority.

This decision is based on the following pertinent information:

- a. Repair or reconstruction of approximately 50 feet of the collapsed wall and about 30 feet of the wall section presently being supported by a pipe, and required additional items of work such as lands, easements and rights of way, roadway resurfacing material, a cofferdam, excavation and backfill, is estimated to cost in excess of \$50,000, and probably actually closer to \$100,000.
- b. The construction of retaining walls would provide protection against erosion to the left bank of Wappingers Lake. Landward of this bank of Wappingers Lake lies a gravel roadway which extends approximately 60 feet from high Street.
- c. It is considered that the maximum effect of exosive velocities in this area if the retaining wall was not in place would be to erode the unprotected bank to the natural angle of repose or at a slope of 1 foot vertical to 2 feet horizontal. This would represent the loss of a strip of bacically undeveloped land estimated at 30 x 80 feet, or about 1/20 acre.

NAMEN-Cb Mr. James J. Lyons

d. It is considered that the benefits attached to the preservation of the portion of gravel road would not justify the reconstruction cost of the retaining walls.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for their information.

Since rely yours,

For and in the absence of

HARRY W. LONGARD

Colonel, Corps of Engineers

District Engineer

CF:

Mr. Eldred Rich
New York State Department
of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12201



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January 6, 1978

Mr. Donald Synnett, Mayor Village of Wappingers Falls Mesier Park Homestead Wappingers Falls, New York 12590

Dear Mr. Synnett:

Wappingers Eake Dam Field Inspection

This letter is to summarize the comments made by me during yesterday's review of the vibration problem generated at the Wappingers Lake dam spillway. The comments are based on a field inspection made by myself, Richard Steller and Robert Morrison of my department. Attending from the Village, was yourself, your Highway Superintendent and two trustees.

The vibrations that effect the dwellings and buildings on both sides of the Wappingers Creek immediately south of the dam were visually observed from the abutment along the east end of the dam. It appeared that a substantial flow of water was going over the dam, and it appeared that this flow of water dropping approximately 20 feet hitting the rock ledge bottom was setting up this vibration. The diversion penstock was not open, therefore, the total flow of the Wappingers Creek upstream of the dam was passing over the dam with no diversion.

The first comment that should be acknowledged is that the dam was designed to hold back water, not to act as a spillway as it is presently being used. The dam was constructed to hold back water and then as the depth of rater approached the crest of the dam, the penstock sluice—way was opened and the water was relieved through that method, therefore, the use of the dam as a spillway was not required. With the penstock being immobilized at the plant downstream, today all water must pass over the dam to continue down the creek. This use of the dam as a spillway is causing the vibration problem.

My recommendation is that the sluiceways into the flume leading to the penstock be open so that you can relieve the flow of water over the dam. This flow of water would then follow downstream in two gradual waterfalls or steps rather than the single fall over the dam. The Village should look in the future towards acquiring this short section of flume so that they can control the flow water around the dam. With the ownership of the flume resting with the Village, they can regulate the overflow water through the sluice gate and dissipate a major amount, if not all, of the vibrations.

The first solution, of course, depends upon the availability of land, owned by other persons, that encompasses the flume. If this property cannot be attained, then the second alternate would be for the Village to design a proper spillway at either end of the existing dam that would take the water from the lake over a designed spillway so that the impact of the falls vibrating the rocks can be eliminated. With the use of a properly designed spillway, the water can be physically dropped twenty feet without creating the vibrations that are now prevalent.

These comments are, of course, based on a quick field review, however, I believe they are indicative of the conditions and they represent a reasonable solution to the problem. If you have any further need for our help, please so advise, and I will be happy to meet with you.

JS:r

cc: J. DePaola, Director of Civil Defense

cc: E. Schueler, County Executive

cc: R. Steller, Director of Operations

Very truly yours,

JAMES SPRAIT, P.E.,

Commissioner

FORM 13/01. 6 16-16 2000 (16-15034)

(NOTICE: After filling out one of these forms as completely as possible for each dam in your district, return it at once to the Conservation Commission, Albany.)

STATE OF NEW YORK

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ALBANY

DAM REPORT

... Aug 25 tt , 1915

· Conservation Commission,

DIVISION OF INLAND WATERS.

#### GENTLEMEN:

! I have the honor to make the following report in relation to the structure known
as the Waffinger Falls Dam.
This dam is situated upon the Waffinger Creek
in the Town of Washinger and, Dutelle County.
about from the Village WAAA of Waspinger Falls
The distance downstream from the dam, to the Mand Albany Post Road Bridge
is about 500 Feet.
The dam is now owned by Janus Rins Sot Bleachery
and was built in or about the year 1872, and was extensively repaired or reconstructed
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As it now stands, the spillway portion of this dam is built of the whether of the grows concrete or timber.
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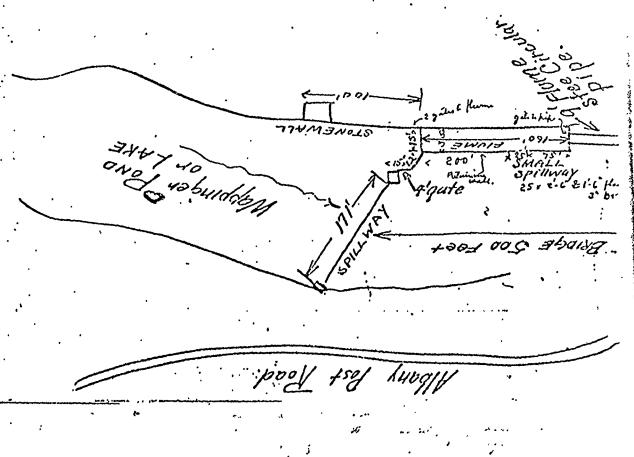
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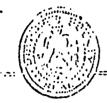
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(In the space below, make a third sketch showing the general plan of the dam, and its approximate position in relation to buildings or other conspicuous objects in the vicinity.



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#### County of Dutchenn

Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT III - Town of Poughkeepsic

JOSEPH V. POILLUCCI

COMMITTEES Refuse Disposal Pater Agency Public Works

July 6, 1970

Honorable Emeel S. Betros
98th District
Dutchess County
The Assembly, State of New York
Albany, New York

Dear Emeel:

I am writing to confirm our recent conversation concerning Wappingers Lake and to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 26, 1970.

As you know, I have been unsuccessful in my attempt to obtain funds for the cleaning and dredging of Wappingers Lake. I am somewhat disappointed, but nevertheless determined to see this project through to a successful conclusion.

Since you made part of the inspection tour around the lake and read my report, you are therefore quite knowledgeable about existing conditions. Realizing the urgency of this matter, I am requesting that you contact Mr. Henry L. Diamond, the new commissioner of the state's Department of Environmental Conservation concerning the prospects of obtaining financial assistance.

Thank you for your interest and I hope to hear favorably from you.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Poillucci County Representative

· JVP:cc



EMEEL S. BETROS

9814 DISTRICT

DUTCHESS COUNTY

# THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY

July 30, 1970

Hon. Henry L. Diamond Commissioner New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Albany, New York

Dear Commissioner Diamond:

I enclose herewith copy of letter received from Representative Joseph V. Poillucci of our County Board of Representatives and I would ask that you review same and give me your thoughts relative thereto.

The Village of Wappingers Falls would like to do something to clean up Wappingers Lake. It can be made into an extremely desirable and beautiful area, but as usual, one of the stumbling blocks is financing.

Will you also advise whether any State financing may be available.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Cordially yours,

EMEEL S. BETROS

Member of Assembly

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Joseph V. Pollucci

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#### ENGINEERING REPORT WAPPINGERS & NE DAM

The Weppingers Lake Dam was originally constructed in 1872. This dam failed and was rebuilt in 1910 by adding a new masonry structure dewnstream from the original structure. In 1919 the dam was again repaired and reisod to its present height.

The dem structure is actually a spillway section 171° in length with a gate structure located at the easterly edge of the dem.

Two gates, 6'-0" x 7'-6", control the water flow to a recoway which feeds water to a 9' pen stock. The water is used to generate power at the Wappingers bleachery.

Throughout the history of the dem considerable trouble has been experienced with vibrations which occur when water goes ever the dem during periods of high flow. A vacuum is created between the under side of the water and the dem face. The vibrations are caused by the elternate making and breaking of the vacuum. This is an undesireable condition and could be dangerous.

The down-stream face of the dam is leaking badly. It appeared that most of the leakage was taking place between the top of the old dam and the addition that was added in 1919. The retaining well along the east bank shows sign of failure and should be replaced. The wood slide bar on the east gate is broken making this gate ineperable. The raceway well along the crock is leaking very badly in several places.

The services of the firm of Demos & Moore was engaged by us to render an opinion as to the stability of the dam.

A copy of their report is attached as part of this report. Our firm concurs with the Dame & Moore report in that the existing dam is unsafe and considerable repair work would be required to preserve the water tight integrity of the structure and cause it to be safe from possible future failure.

As the purchase of the dam is being considered by the municipality certain corrective measures should be taken concurrently with its purchase. Namely,

1. A now spillway section should be constructed along the downstream face of the existing dam. This section should have a curved face so that the water spilling ever the dam would follow the dam shape. Thus eliminating the vibrations that are now present during periods of high water. In addition this construction would reinforce the existing dam and preserve its water tight integrity.

- 2. The existing gotes should be repaired.
- 3. The retaining well along the east bank should be replaced.
- 4. All mosonry abutment structures should be repaired.
- 5. The use of the existing recoway should be eliminated except when it is necessary to drain the lake.

It is our estimate that the cost of the above repairs would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to \$150,000. This figure should be substantiated with a more detailed report.

Rospectfully submitted.

Milton Chazon, P. E.

DAMES & MOORE
CONSULTANTS IN APPLIED EARTH SCIENCES
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PARTNERS: GARDNER M. REYNOLDS . J. FRANK BRENNAN . .
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October 22, 1965

Mr. Milton Chazen Nine Cannon Street Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Mr. Chazon;

Report
Inspection of Masonry Dam
Wappingers Falls Dam
New York State Park Commission
Village of Wappingers Falls
Wappingers Falls, New York

This letter is written to present our conclusions following an inspection on October 16, 1965, by the writer of a dam located in the town of Wappingers Falls, New York, designated as the Wappingers Falls Dam.

It is understood that this dam restrains water in Wappingers Creek, and that the resulting lake is about a mile and one-half long. The original date of construction of the dam is not known to us; however, it is understood that it may be on the order of 50 to 60 years old. It is further understood that sometime subsequent to the original dam construction there was a failure of a portion of the dam and the dam was rebuilt. Following the reconstruction, the resulting dam section was approximately 14 feet in width at the base and 12 feet in width at the crest. The overall total height of the dam is about 16 feet.

The purpose of the inspection of the dam was to develop an opinion regarding the stability of the dam and its condition to stand as a dam in future years.

On the inspection of the dam, the writer was able to observe the downstream face, which is essentially vertical, and to observe the rock on which the base of the dam is founded and the abutments into the ends of the dam, are anchored.

DAMES & MOORE

Mr. Milton Chazen October 22, 1965 Page - 2 -

The dam is apparently composed of relatively flat slabs of rock joined together by mortar. The rock was not identified; however, based on a general knowledge of the geology of the area, it is presumed that it is of sedimentary origin.

From the inspection, it is believed that there should be no major concern regarding the dam in connection with the foundation support and the stability of the abutments. However, the dam itself was leaking badly at the time of the inspection in a number of places. The water was moving through joints between the masonry and coming out on the downstream side. It is understood that during periods of high water when there is three to four feet of water flowing over the dam above the crest of the dam that vibrations are set up in the rock which are transmitted several hundred feet from the dam and can be felt in homes and other structures located nearby.

It is our conclusion, from the informat'n available to us, that the condition of the dam, from an overall standpoint, is unsafe. The fact that there is appreciable leakage through the dam section would indicate that this condition might deteriorate with a resulting increase in flow of water to a sufficient extent wherein there would be a complete failure of a section of the dam.

The vibrations that are felt in adjacent areas when high water is flowing over the dam are probably due to the impact of the water on the underlying rock as it drops from the crest of the rock surface. This could be overcome by constructing an ogee section on the downstream face of the dam to eliminate the impact forces as the water strikes the stream bed on the downstream side.

In conclusion, it is our opinion that the dam cannot be relied upon to function satisfactorily in the future for any determinable period of time. It is believed that there may be substantial liability to the dam owners because of the possible damages to facilities existing downstream from the dam if the dam fails.

The dam, in our opinion, should be replaced with a modern structure in which modern design techniques and knowledge are incorporated.

Yours very truly,

DAMES, & MOORE

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